IN THE CLAIMS

Please CANCEL Claim 7 and 14, without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please AMEND Claims 1, 3-5 and 11-13 to read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of reading ~~an original~~ a plurality of originals placed on an original support and displaying [[it]] them, comprising:

an image reading step of reading ~~an image~~ each of the images of the ~~original~~ originals placed on the original support to generate [[an]] image ~~signal~~ signals;

a placement orientation detection step of detecting placement orientation of said original as to whether it is landscape or portrait, based on the image signal generated in said image reading step;

an image signal rotation step of rotating, when the placement orientation of said original detected in said placement orientation detection step is different from a predetermined orientation, said image signal to said predetermined orientation; and

a read image signal display step of displaying the plurality of read image ~~signal~~ signals on one display screen in an orientation aligned with a predetermined orientation.

2. (Original) A method of displaying a read image signal according to claim 1, further comprising a display orientation setting step of setting said predetermined orientation.

3. (Currently Amended) A method of displaying a plurality of read image ~~signal~~ signals according to claim 1, further comprising:

a second image signal rotation step of rotating ~~said~~ the plurality of image ~~signal~~ signals by a predetermined angle irrespective of the placement orientation detected in said placement orientation detection step[[,]]; and

a second display orientation setting step of setting whether the ~~image is~~ images are to be displayed in the orientation aligned with said predetermined orientation or the ~~image that has been~~ images rotated by said second image signal rotation step [[is]] are to be displayed.

4. (Currently Amended) A method of displaying a read image signal according to claim 3, wherein said second display orientation setting step can optionally set to display the image in ~~an orientation as read in said image reading step without rotating the image~~ the orientation detected in the placement orientation detection step.

5. (Currently Amended) A method of displaying a read image signal according to claim 3, wherein said second image signal rotation step further includes upon rotating the image signal by the predetermined angle, correcting its little inclination with respect to a vertical or horizontal direction.

6. (Original) A method of displaying a read image signal according to claim 1, wherein in said image reading step, a plurality of originals placed on the original support

are read and the other steps are performed on an image signal obtained from each of the originals individually.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Original) A method of displaying a read image signal according to claim 1, wherein in said placement orientation detection step, the placement orientation is detected based on comparison of a vertical size and a horizontal size of the image signal.

9. (Original) A method of displaying a read image signal according to claim 1, wherein in said image reading step, an image area of the original placed on the original support is cut out to generate the image signal.

10. (Original) A method of displaying a read image signal according to claim 9, wherein in said image reading step, an effective image area of the original in the form of a film placed on the original support is cut out to generate the image signal.

11. (Currently Amended) A method of displaying image information, wherein when image information of ~~an original that is~~ a plurality of originals with different ~~in its~~ horizontal ~~length~~ and vertical ~~length~~ lengths placed on an original support is read by an image reading apparatus and said read images are displayed on a display apparatus in a thumbnail display form, placement ~~orientation~~ orientations of said ~~original~~ plurality of originals placed on said original support ~~is~~ are detected and said image information is

displayed in a state in which a horizontal or vertical direction of the image information of said ~~original~~ plurality of originals is aligned in a predetermined orientation irrespective of the detected placement ~~orientation~~ orientations of said ~~original~~ plurality of originals.

12. (Currently Amended) A system for displaying image information, wherein when image information of ~~an original that is~~ a plurality of originals with different ~~in its~~ horizontal ~~length~~ and vertical ~~length~~ lengths placed on an original support is read by an image reading apparatus and said read image is displayed on a display apparatus in a thumbnail display form, placement ~~orientation~~ orientations of said ~~original~~ plurality of originals placed on said original support is detected and said image information is displayed in a state in which a horizontal or vertical direction of the image information of said ~~original~~ plurality of originals is aligned in a predetermined orientation irrespective of the detected placement ~~orientation~~ orientations of said ~~original~~ plurality of originals.

13. (Currently Amended) A program stored on a computer-readable recording medium for carrying out a method of displaying image information according to claim 11 under a control by a computer.

14. (Cancelled)